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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 22-27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 October 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                       | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Applicant's election with traverse of invention Group 1, claims 1-9 in the reply filed on 2/4/2011 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Groups I and II define, respectively, a timing element and a method for making the timing element. The timing element of claim 1 can be made only by the method of claim 10, and the method of claim 10 can produce only the timing element of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that possible other uses for the product are irrelevant to considering unity of invention of the claimed subject matter, so that the claims of Groups I and II have unity of invention. 8. The within amendment to claim 19 brings its subject matter within the scope of the search required for the claims of Groups I and II. It is therefore requested that at least claims 1-21, the claims of Groups I, II and III, be examined in this application. In response to this argument the examiner will withdraw the restriction requirement between Groups I, II and III and will examine claims 1-21 together in this application. The restriction concerning invention group IV (claims 22-24), group V (claims 25-27) and group VI (claim 27) is being maintained.

The requirement, with regard to groups IV, V and VI, is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 22-27 (invention groups IV, V and VI) are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 2/4/2011.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In independent claim 1, line 3, the limitation, "*optionally*" is vague and indefinite. Does the claimed timing element comprise one or both of a fuel component and an oxidizer component dispersed within the solid core of the reactive polymeric material, or does it not?

In independent claim 10, line 3, the limitation, "*optionally*" is vague and indefinite. Does the claimed method of making a timing element comprise one or both of a fuel component and an oxidizer component dispersed within the solid core of the reactive polymeric material, or does it not?

In claim 19, line 9, the limitation, "*optionally*" is vague and indefinite. Does the claimed initiator comprise a timing element that comprises one or both of a fuel component and an oxidizer component dispersed within the solid core of the reactive polymeric material, or does it not?

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES S. BERGIN whose telephone number is

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(571)272-6872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Wednesday and Friday, 8.30 - 5.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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